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REPORT

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1. During the period from 20 to 27 January 1955, no air activity was observed at Schoenwalde airfield except on 20 and 27 January. . . . On 20 January, 5 biplanes were parked in front of the hangar. These aircraft practiced flying from 1100 to 1300. They took off individually and in rapid succession, headed west, then returned after some minutes, and landed individually. This exercise was repeated several times. On 27 January, at about 1700, 3 biplanes took off and headed west.

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On 22 January, about 50 Soviets were engaged in drilling. An additional 70 soldiers, presumably recruits, practiced saluting. Motor vehicles observed at the field included sedan and truck

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2. Between 25 and 29 January, there was no air activity except on 27 January, when 3 Po-2s between 1800 and 2300 made local flights with set position lights. When landing, a landing light on the aircraft was switched on. The touch-down point was illuminated by a searchlight near the flight control station. The searchlight had a light intensity similar to that of a motor vehicle neallight.

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Comment. Schoenwalde airfield is still occupied by some Po-2s which are used for practice flights and flights over the Kremmen training field.

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